



# The Highway Hobos Of NEW YORK CHAPTER H

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## THE HOBO RAG

### Hello Hobos,

It is with much sadness that I report the loss of one of our family members. Our dear friend, Tom Collins lost his battle with cancer on August 15<sup>th</sup>. He remained very strong willed and had a positive attitude until the very end. While I had only known Tom for 4 or 5 years, he became an instant friend. His quiet and easy going demeanor made him extremely likeable. He was a GWRRR member for many years and was affiliated with several chapters. He was one of the original members of Chapter H and along with numerous personal accomplishments in his lifetime he remained very humble to talk too. He will be tremendously missed and remembered with great admiration. Please keep Shelley and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

On a brighter note I would like to congratulate Bob & Sandy Kelley on being selected as the New York District Couple of the Year. They did an amazing job during the selection process and wowed the judges with their friendly public speaking ability. I know they will do a great job of representing Chapter H and the New York District for the next year. We need to support them in all their endeavors while they represent us in this Honorus appointment.

Also make note if you are reading this newsletter just a little bit late, it's my fault again. The deadline has a way of sneaking up on me and while Elaine tries her hardest to keep me in line occasionally I am delinquent.

Make it Fun, Keep it Safe,  
Garry & Shirley

See everyone at the next gathering at the Basket Factory in Middleport, 10am

Sep 13<sup>th</sup>                      Oct 4<sup>th</sup>  
Nov 1<sup>st</sup>                        Dec 5<sup>th</sup>(party)

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# Some Event Dates For The 2009 Season!



If you have any events you'd like listed, let me know.

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## NOTES

Just a reminder: our summer food drive is still ongoing. Please bring canned goods/non-perishables to each meeting. Bill & Carolyn are collecting.

### September Birthdays

Agnes Schoonover, 6<sup>th</sup>  
Gary Abbey, 23<sup>rd</sup>

Kirk Walser, 8<sup>th</sup>  
Bruce Krebs, 26<sup>th</sup>

Dorrie Hardenbrook, 14<sup>th</sup>  
Dan Corby, 29<sup>th</sup>

### September Anniversaries

Dan & Kathy Corby, 11<sup>th</sup>

Jim & Marcia Masters, 10<sup>th</sup>

Jim & Joyce Keller, 21<sup>st</sup>

## SEPTEMBER LISTING OF CHAPTER EVENTS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

Remember, dessert rides are 2 or 4 wheel.

- Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> Dessert Ride to Lugia's, 4719 Lyell Rd., Spencerport, led by Myron & Janice. Meet at Kenyon's, 6:30. Remember, this is a desserts only ride, no food available here.
- Sep 4-12<sup>th</sup> Around the Great Lakes Ride, Lakes Superior & Huron, led by Myron & Janice, contact them for details.
- Sep 10<sup>th</sup> Dessert Ride to Reid's Drive-In, Lake Ave., Rt. 78, Lockport. Meet At Marsh's at 6:30.
- Sep 11-13<sup>th</sup> Thousand Islands Tour to Cape Vincent. Led by Bill & Dorrie Hardenbrook, contact them for details.
- Sep 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter Gathering at the Basket Factory, Middleport. 10am.
- Sep 16<sup>th</sup> Dessert Ride to Dogs-N-Stuff, Oakfield, led by Bob & Sandy. Meet at Kenyon's at 6:30.
- Sep 24<sup>th</sup> Dessert Ride to Apple Granny's, Center Street, Lewiston, meet At Marsh's at 6:30.
- Sep 30<sup>th</sup> Dessert Ride to Butterwoods, 5409 Main St., Williamsville, led By Rick & Connie. Meet at Kenyons, at 6:30. This is another Dessert only ride.

**POST THIS LISTING ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!**



## Myron's musings

**When it's time to pass a slower vehicle, how much faster can you go and still be safe?** Let's say you're in a 55 mph zone, and come across a vehicle going 10 mph. What makes sense? Well, of course it depends on a lot of other factors too, like is it one lane or two?, is it an empty road? What's the situation on other traffic? Etc.

But one thing is clear. You have to be prepared for the unexpected from the slower vehicle. After all, you don't know why they are going slow. Maybe it's to make a left turn, right in front of you, without using signal lights. Are they looking for an address to turn at? Or is it an empty spot of road where they are preparing to make a U-Turn without those pesky signal lights?

**My recommendation is to go no faster than 10-15 mph over the speed of the slower vehicle.** That should give you time to react to their unexpected moves. Would you believe this is the subject of September Musings because a friend just experienced a broken left collar bone, and right thumb as a result of going too fast? She was doing 50-55 mph, passing a construction truck at 7-8 mph. When he did the U-Turn in front of her, she locked the brakes and fell over. Some people might take credit for "Laying it Down", like the guy in Wing World. That is a trick reserved for stunt riders, and those who have practiced it previously. Your best bet is to stay upright and brake as fast as possible without lock up.

**Cow Catchers, and Deer Finders.** We all know that thing in front of train engines is called a "Cow Catcher", invented way back when to move cattle out of the way of trains. Since then, the similar smooth shaped things on front of trains are used to deflect cars and other vehicles out of the way.

I call a "Deer Finder" any vehicle that's in front of me at night that lights the way and will find the deer crossing the road before I get there. A good example was the ride home from our Wednesday's Desert ride in the dark. This was especially timely as we had just discussed deer concerns. The Hardenbrooks and our bike were following a car that came across a deer crossing the road. We all slowed to wait for the other two deer to appear and cross in front of us. A Safety problem identified, action taken, and a safe ride home.

**The key here is to adapt to the speed of a vehicle in front of you that is going about the same speed you'd like to go.** I like 55 mph at night, but will slow to 50, or speed up to 60 if there is a "Deer Finder" available.

I won't be there at the September meeting, but hope you do have some good conversation about safe riding.

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